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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Takahide KOHRO et al.**

Art Unit: 1614

Application Number: **10/590,493**

Examiner: **Anna Pagonakis**

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For: **NUCLEAR TRANSFER PROMOTER FOR RAC PROTEIN AND
METHOD OF SCREENING THE DAME**

Attorney Docket Number: **032218A**
Customer Number: **38834**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 30, 2008

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 5, 2008, and having a response due date set for January 5, 2008.

In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

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| Group I | Claims 1-3, drawn to a nuclear transfer promoter for Rac protein comprising an isoprenoid synthesis inhibitor and/or a geranylgeranyl transferase inhibitor; and |
| Group II | Claims 7-9, drawn to a method of promoting the transfer of Rac protein into a nucleus, which comprises administering an isoprenoid synthesis inhibitor and/or a geranylgeranyl transferase inhibitor to a cell; and |
| Group III | Claim 10, a pharmaceutical composition for vascular treatment; and |
| Group IV | Claim 12, drawn to a therapeutic/prevention method for vascular disorders comprising administering the nuclear transfer promoter |

- for Rac protein in an effective amount for therapy/prevention to a patient in need of therapy/prevention of vascular disorders; and
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| Group V | Claims 13-15, drawn to a method of screening a blood vessel remedy; and |
| Group VI | Claims 4, 5, 6, and 11, alternatively drawn to the method of promoting nuclear transfer to Rac protein of an isoprenoid synthesis inhibitor and/or a geranylgeranyl transferase inhibitor; and |
| Group VII | Claims 4, 5, 6, and 11, alternatively drawn to a nuclear transfer promoter for Rac protein comprising an isoprenoid synthesis inhibitor and/or a geranylgeranyl transferase inhibitor; and |
| Group VIII | Claims 4, 5, 6, and 11, alternatively drawn to a process of making a nuclear transfer promoter for Rac protein comprising an isoprenoid synthesis inhibitor and/or a geranylgeranyl transferase inhibitor. |

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group V (claims 13-15) for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,
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